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SUMMARY

FONOFF ACCEPTS PARIS SITING OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND TENTATIVELY
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APPROVES TIMING. FONOFF UNABLE COMMENT YET ON POSSIBILITY GOF COHOSTING, BUT NOTED CONFERENCE WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH POMPIDOU INITIATIVE IN EC. END SUMMARY.

1. ON 2 MAY EMBASSY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH FONMIN OFFICIAL CHRISTIAN GIRARD (REF B). SCICON PROVIDED GIRARD FOLLOWING INFORMATION. CONFERENCE IS CONSIDERED BY WASHINGTON AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TO BRIDGE A RECOGNIZED GAP IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. CONFERENCE IS BEING RE- SCHEDULED TO ALLOW ALL PARTICIPANTS MORE PREPARATION TIME BECAUSE OF (1) REORGANIZATION OF US DRUG ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER DEA AND (2) THE EXPRESSED DESIRES FOR MORE TIME FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH PARIS, BECAUSE OF AIR SHOW, WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR ORIGINAL CONFERENCE TARGET DATE, PARIS IS IDEAL CONFERENCE SETTING BECAUSE OF ITS CENTRAL GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AMONG EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS. CONFERENCE IS THUS SCHEDULED, PROVIDED NO CONFLICT WITH PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, FOR WEEK OF 22 OCTOBER UNDER THE AUSPICES OF, AND PROBABLY PHYSICALLY AT, US EMBASSY PARIS. CITING THE EXCELLENT FRANCO- AMERICAN COOPERATION BOTH IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND NOTING CONFERENCE WILL BE WITHIN FRENCH TERRITORY, SCICON STATED THAT FRENCH MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SHARING HOSTING WITH US, BUT ADDED THAT THE US IS NECESSARILY CURRENTLY CONTINUING WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

2. GIRARD STATED THAT PARIS EMBASSY IS ACCEPTABLE CONFERENCE SITE AND FRENCH WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY IN CONFERENCE, INCLUDING BOTH ENFORCEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC OFFICIALS IN THEIR REPRESENTATION. GIRARD WILL VERIFY 22 OCTOBER DATE WITH POTENTIAL PARTICIPATING INDIVIDUALS, BUT HE ENVISAGES NO PROBLEMS CONCERNING THAT DATE. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE THAT ANY TECHNOLOGICAL METHODS DEVELOPED MUST BE APPLICABLE IN REAL FIELD SITUATIONS AND CONCURRED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD RECEIVE NO PUBLICITY. GIRARD WAS UNDERSTANDABLY UNABLE TO COMMENT YET ON POSSIBLE GOF COHOSTING OF CONFERENCE INASMUCH AS THIS WAS FIRST APPROACH TO GOF IN THIS REGARD.

3. GIRARD STATED THAT AN INITIAL QUESTION AMONG EC INVITEES WAS POSSIBLE OVERLAP OR CONFLICT OF CONFERENCE WITH EC NARCOTIC EFFORTS UNDER POMPIDOU INITIATIVE. GIRARD NOTED THAT, SINCE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE IS WELL- DEFINED AND SPECIALIZED AND DOES NOT OVERLAP WITH CURRENT EC EFFORTS, THERE WILL BE NO CONFLICT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO GIRARD'S QUESTION ON CONFERENCE GOALS, SCICON NOTED THAT CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY DEAL WITH A. INFORMATION

EXCHANGE ON PRESENTLY- AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES; B. DISCUSSIONS
LEADING TO R& D ON NEW APPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGIES IN AIDING
AND COMPLEMENTING POLICE AND CUSTOMS ANTI- DRUG EFFORTS.
FURTHERMORE, SCICON NOTED THAT A HIGHLY DESIRABLE RESULT OF THE
CONFERENCE WOULD BE INCREASED POLICE AWARENESS OF POTENTIALS OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS AWARENESS AMONG SCIENTISTS OF
THE PROBLEMS FACED IN ENFORCEMENT.
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